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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NON-MILITARY ACTIVITIES

1. EMBASSY WILL RECALL FROM POST-OCTOBER ROUND DOCUMENTS (POUCHED TO EMBASSY NOVEMBER 26) THAT US DELEGATION PROPOSED THAT TECHNICAL GROUPS BEGIN MEETING IN PANAMA TO DISCUSS REGIME UNDER WHICH NON-MILITARY ACTIVITIES COULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNDER A NEW CANAL TREATY.
2. DURING RECENTLY CONCLUDED DECEMBER ROUND, PANAMANIAN DELEGATION REPLIED TO US INITIATIVE AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS PROMPTLY.
3. PREPARATORY TO INITIATING THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP REPRESENTATIVES, EMBASSY SHOULD CONSULT WITH AGENCIES CONCERNED IN CANAL ZONE AND NOTE THAT BOTH EMBASSY AND AGENCY REPS WILL PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS WITH PANAMIAN
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MANIANS. DEPARTMENT IS INFORMING PARENT AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON THAT THIS PROCESS IS COMMENCING.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPORTS FROM EMBASSY ON PROGRESS OF CONSULTATION PROCESS. EMBASSY SHOULD

SEEK GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT BEFORE COMMENCING FORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PANAMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES.

5. TEXT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE PROPOSED TO PANAMA BY US IN OCTOBER FOLLOWS:

UNRELATED ACTIVITIES

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR TECHNICAL GROUP

REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY THE RESPECTIVE CHIEF NEGOTIATORS SHOULD ARRANGE TO MEET IN PANAMA CITY AT AN EARLY DATE TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL REGIME UNDER WHICH THE FOLLOWING U.S. AGENCIES MAY FUNCTION FOLLOWING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A NEW TREATY:

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE
GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

THE TECHNICAL GROUP SHOULD:

-- REVIEW EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH THESE AGENCIES FUNCTION.

-- IDENTIFY THOSE AGREEMENTS/ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MUST BE AMENDED OR REDRAFTED.

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-- PREPARE AMENDED AND/OR NEW AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED.

-- SUBMIT A REPORT ON EACH AGENCY TOGETHER WITH THE RECOMMENDED NEW AGREEMENTS/AMENDMENTS TO THE CHIEF NEGOTIATORS FOR APPROVAL, INDICATING THOSE AREAS IN WHICH THE GROUP HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT.

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